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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

The Applicant hereby submits the following submission in this case as a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This submission consists of an amendment and request for reconsideration and is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2009. This Request for Continued Examination is appropriate because:

- i) this request is made prior to payment of the issue fee [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(1)];
- ii) the application has not been abandoned [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(2)];
- iii) no notice of appeal has been filed [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a)(3)];
- iv) prosecution on the application is closed by either a final action or issuance of a notice of allowance [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b)];
- v) this application is not a provisional application [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(1)];
- vi) this is not a utility patent application filed before June 8, 1995 [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(2)];
- vii) this application is not an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 363 before June 8, 1995 [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(3)];

- viii) this application is not a design patent application [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(4)]; and
- ix) this is not a patent under reexamination [37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (e)(5)].

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 8 of this paper;

Remarks/arguments begin on page 16 of this paper;

Appendix A including amended drawing figures is attached following page 25 of this paper.